

# THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (NEHA)

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**DANTES Test  
Centers'  
Authorization**

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) authorizes military installations with DANTES test centers to administer the NEHA certification examinations.

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**Background**

The NEHA, founded in 1937, stands as a strong professional society with over 5,000 members across the nation. NEHA offers a variety of programs and benefits for the environmental health professional. NEHA offers eight nationally recognized credentials within the environmental health profession. Each credential signifies a level of expertise and competence based on education and experience. There are different eligibility requirements for each credential.

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## Description

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### Type of Certification

The following are types of certification credentials offered:

Type	Description
1	Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian (REHS/RS)
2	Certified Environmental Health Technician (CEHT)
3	Registered Hazardous Substances Professional (RHSP)
4	Registered Hazardous Substances Specialist (RHSS)
5	Registered Environmental Technician (RET)
6	Certified Food Safety Professional (CFSP)
7	Radon Measurement Proficiency Credential
8	Radon Mitigation Proficiency Credential

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### Eligibility Requirements

NEHA will determine if an examinee is qualified to sit for specific examinations. The examinee must submit an application and applicant fees to NEHA. Minimum requirements are:

Credential	Eligibility Requirements
REH/RS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have a Bachelors, Masters, or Ph.D. in environmental health from an accredited college or university, or</li><li>• Have a bachelors degree which includes an algebra course or higher level math and 30 semester/45 quarter hours in the basic sciences; i.e., biology, chemistry, physics, or other physical sciences as well as sanitary engineering or environmental engineering; and</li><li>• Have 2 or more years of experience in environmental health.</li></ul>

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## Description, Continued

### Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

Credential	Eligibility Requirements
CEHT	<p>Must meet one of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduation from a recognized 2-year college program in an environmental health field</li> <li>• Graduation from an applicable military technical school (environmental health, preventive medicine and veterinary medicine)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Education and Experience (must meet both of the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduation from a standard 4-year high school or GED certification and</li> <li>• A minimum of 2 years work experience in one or more of the fields of environmental health. College or equivalent training may be substituted on a year-for-year basis.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
RHSP	<p>Track One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a bachelor's degree in hazardous materials/waste from an accredited college or university or</li> <li>• Have a bachelors degree accompanied by an AS degree or Certificate in Hazardous Materials/Waste Management from an accredited college or university and</li> <li>• At least 30 months (2.5 years) of experience in hazardous materials/waste management.</li> </ul> <p>Track Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a bachelor's degree in environmental health from a university program accredited by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council or a nationally recognized accredited body, and</li> <li>• Three years of experience in hazardous materials/waste management.</li> </ul>

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## Description, Continued

### Eligibility Requirements (Continued)

Credential	Eligibility Requirements
RHSP	<p>Track Three</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a bachelor's degree and</li> <li>• Have a graduate degree in an environmental science or a related environmental program and</li> <li>• 3 years of experience in hazardous materials/waste management.</li> </ul> <p>Track Four</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a bachelor's degree with major course work (30 semester/45 quarter hours) in the physical sciences – i.e., biology, chemistry, physics, geology, etc., and</li> <li>• Four years of experience in hazardous materials/waste management.</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a bachelors degree and</li> <li>• 50 hours of experience in hazardous materials/waste management.</li> </ul>
RHSS	<p>Track One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires successful completion of a 2-year A.A., A.A.S., or Certificate program in hazardous materials/waste management. At this level, there is no experience required. Or</li> </ul> <p>Track Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires successful graduation from 4-year high school or have a GED and a minimum of 2 years work experience in the hazardous materials/waste field.</li> </ul>
RET	<p>Track One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires successful completion of a 2-year A.A., A.A.S., or Certificate program in hazardous materials/waste management. No experience required. Or</li> </ul> <p>Track Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires successful high school graduate and a minimum of 2 years work experience in the hazardous materials/waste field.</li> </ul>

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**Eligibility  
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<b>Exam</b>	<b>Eligibility Requirements</b>
CFSP	<p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelors degree in Food Science or Environment Health from an accredited degree program in environmental health or</li> <li>• Bachelors degree with at least 2 years of experience in food protection or</li> <li>• Bachelor's degree and possession of the REHS/RS credential. Or</li> </ul> <p>Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school diploma or GED and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 years progressive experience in food related work and</li> <li>• Successful passage of the Certified Professional Food Manager or Serve Safe exam or membership in a food related professional organization and accumulation of 24 hours of continuing education experience.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Associates degree and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 years of progressive experience in food related work and</li> <li>• Successful passage of the Certified Professional Food Manager or Serve Safe exam or membership in a food related professional organization and accumulation of 16 hours of continuing education experience.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Radon Measurement Proficiency Credential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have attended a NEHA NRPP approved entry level measurement course and passed a NEHA radon measurement exam in the 12 months previous to application for certification.</li> </ul>
Radon Mitigation Proficiency Credential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have attended a NEHA NRPP approved entry level measurement course and passed a NEHA radon measurement exam in the 12 months previous to application for certification.</li> </ul>

# Application Procedures

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**To Order**                      The Test Control Officer should write for the exam application using official stationery. When NEHA approves the application, the examinee may make arrangements to test at the base. Send the application (along with payment) to:

**National Environmental Health Association  
Attn: Credentialing Department  
720 S. Colorado Blvd., S. Tower, Suite 970  
Denver, CO 80246-1925**

**Phone: (303) 756-9090  
E-mail: [staff@neha.org](mailto:staff@neha.org)**

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**Education and Experience**                      Attach Official transcripts of post-secondary education experience to the application. If no post-secondary degree is required for application, please provide proof of high school or GED completion.

Attach a complete description of all pertinent experience for the credential being sought. Describe duties in as much detail as possible. For each employer, attach the employer's name, start and ending date, employer's address, immediate supervisor and title, examinee's title, specialty areas in the position, and duties and responsibilities

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**References**                      Attach a typed list of the names of three persons who are familiar with the examinee's work and to whom inquiries may be made. At least two of the references must have experience in the environmental health field.

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**Credential Application Checklist**                      Please include these items:

- Complete and notarized application
- Any necessary supporting documentation
- Copy of State Registration Card (if necessary)
- Proctor Information/Examination Date (if necessary)
- Signed copy of Code of Ethics
- Appropriate fees
- Administration Options (for CFSP and REHS/RS only)

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## Certification Fees

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The fees for the NEHA examinations are:

<b>Credential Name</b>	<b>Application Fee Member/ Non-member</b>	<b>Exam Fee Member/ Non-member</b>
Certified Food Safety Professional	\$25/\$50	\$95/\$175
Certified Environmental Health Technician	\$5/\$25	\$50/\$95
Registered Environmental Health Specialist	\$25/\$50	\$95/\$175
Registered Hazardous Substances Specialist	\$25/\$50	\$75/\$125
Registered Hazardous Substances Professional	\$25/\$50	\$95/\$175
Registered Environmental Technician		\$75/\$150
Radon Measurement Proficiency Credential		\$130/\$150
Radon Mitigation Proficiency Credential		\$130/\$150

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## Administration

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### Military Administration

**Once the examinee is approved to sit for the exam NEHA will send a letter of approval. Contact**

**Experior Assessments, LLC  
600 Cleveland St., Suite 900  
Clearwater, FL 34615**

**Phone: (727) 449-8525, ext. 4028**

**To schedule the examination administration.**

**DANTES TEST CENTERS MAY ADMINISTER THE NEHA CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS TO ELIGIBLE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND RESERVE COMPONENT PERSONNEL ON AN UNFUNDED (EXAMINEE PAYS) BASIS UNLESS EXISTING MILITARY REGULATIONS PROVIDE OTHERWISE.**

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## Administration, Continued

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### Civilian Administration

DANTES test centers may administer the NEHA certification examinations to the following civilians on an **UNFUNDED (EXAMINEE PAYS) AND SPACE –AVAILABLE BASIS** according to local command policy and Service regulations:

- Retired military personnel
  - Military family members
  - Veterans, and
  - U.S. federal employees
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### What to Bring to the Exam

Examinees must have their admission letter and a photo identification. Bring two number 2 pencils for marking the answer sheet. They may also use a self-powered, nonprinting, non-programmable, non-text calculator during the exam.

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## Scoring

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### Scoring

Scores are based on the number of questions answered correctly. There is no penalty for guessing. A score letter will be mailed to the examinee approximately two weeks after the exam date. Scores may be available at the testing site.

There are 300 questions on the exam. All questions are written in multiple-choice format. Examinees have 4 hours to complete the exam. Time will be split into two 2-hour sessions with a 15 minute break.

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## Study and Preparation Assistance

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### Reference Materials

Contact NEHA for reference materials.

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## Certificate Maintenance

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### Certificate Maintenance

In order to keep your credential current you must:

- Earn 24 hours of continuing education every two years
  - Pay a renewal fee of \$75 for NEHA members and \$140 for non-members every two years.
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## Problems

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### Problems

If information pertaining to the examination is not received in a timely manner, please contact NEHA.

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## Security

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### Test Lost or Compromise

Refer to Part I of the *DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH)* for complete instructions if there is an ASIS test loss or compromise.

Contact DANTES immediately and refer to specific Service regulations for complete procedures. DANTES address is:

<b>DANTES</b>	<b>Phone: (850) 452-1360</b>
<b>Code 20F</b>	<b>DSN: 922-1360</b>
<b>6490 Saufley Field Road</b>	<b>Fax: (850) 452-1161</b>
<b>Pensacola, FL 32509-5243</b>	

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## Web Pages and E-mail Addresses

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**DANTES Web  
Address**

Access the DANTES web pages at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>.

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**NEHA Web  
Address**

Access the NEHA web page at [www.neha.org](http://www.neha.org).

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**DANTES E-  
Mail Address**

The DANTES Certification Program E-mail address is  
[certprog@voled.doded.mil](mailto:certprog@voled.doded.mil).

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